

TABLE 2-6. NUMBER AND PERCENT OF LIVE BIRTHS WITH SELECTED MEDICAL CHARACTERISTICS
BY RACE/ETHNIC GROUP* OF MOTHER, CALIFORNIA, 2000 (By Place of Residence)

RACE/ETHNIC GROUP OF MOTHER	Late or No Prenatal Care ^{1 †}	Preterm Birth ^{2 †}	Cesarean Birth	Low Birthweight ³
TOTAL	16,051	52,522	124,467	32,853
HISPANIC	9,799	25,891	58,567	14,377
NON-HISPANIC				
2 OR MORE RACE GROUPS	202	708	1,467	452
AMERICAN INDIAN	129	225	455	114
ASIAN	1,288	5,412	13,154	4,138
BLACK	1,166	4,680	8,640	3,809
PACIFIC ISLANDER	233	246	524	134
WHITE/OTHER	3,173	15,042	40,869	9,567
NOT STATED	61	318	791	262

MEDICAL CHARACTERISTICS AS A PERCENT OF TOTAL BIRTHS:

TOTAL	3.1	10.4	23.4	6.2
HISPANIC	3.9	10.6	22.7	5.6
NON-HISPANIC				
2 OR MORE RACE GROUPS	3.3	12.1	23.5	7.2
AMERICAN INDIAN	6.7	12.5	23.0	5.8
ASIAN	2.2	9.6	22.3	7.0
BLACK	3.7	15.6	26.7	11.8
PACIFIC ISLANDER	10.0	11.1	22.1	5.6
WHITE/OTHER	1.9	9.4	24.3	5.7
NOT STATED	2.1	11.4	25.2	8.3

¹ Third trimester or no prenatal care.

² Birth prior to 37 weeks of gestation.

³ Birthweight of less than 2,500 grams (5lbs 8oz).

* Beginning in 2000, up to three races were reported on birth certificates. The race/ethnic groups in this table provide a mutually exclusive list with Hispanic origin, 2 or more races, and single races. American Indian includes Eskimo and Aleut, Pacific Islander includes Hawaiian. These groups are not comparable to previously published tables. See Chapter 6.

† Births with unknown values were subtracted from total births before percentages were calculated. Unknown weeks of gestation includes gestation reported as under 17 weeks or over 53 weeks.

Source: State of California, Department of Health Services, Birth Records.
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